Calicut, protesting against the location of an arrack shop, the report called for on the same and the orders of Government thereon as promised in reply to question No. 1105-B?

A.—The Government have not yet received the report called for on the subject.

Location of a liquor shop in Buckinghampet.

*1832 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a liquor shop in Buckinghampet, Bezwada, is located in the midst of houses resided by vakils and other respectable people;

(*b*) whether the Bezwada public and municipal council have protested and sent protests to the Collector, Excise officer and Government; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the protests have not been heeded and that the shop is continued in the same locality?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested. No representations have been received on the subject. A report has been called for.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether the policy of the Government is to remove these liquor shops from the residential quarters of respectable people?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"As regards the location of these arrack and toddy shops there are rules already."

Location of a toddy shop in Arundalpeta.

*1833 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a toddy shop is located at the entrance of Karnukapuram (labour quarters) in Arundalpeta, Bezwada, where the Bezwada Municipal Council has given sites to poor labourers to live;

(*b*) whether the municipality has protested several times against the continuance of the shop there; and

(*c*) whether the protests have not been cared for?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have called for a report on the subject

Public Health

Levy of centage charges for sanitary works by the Public Works Department.

*1834 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether $15\frac{1}{2}$ per cent centage charges are levied by the Public Works Department for all sanitary works executed by them;

(*b*) whether the same rate of charges is levied also on the cost of cast iron pipes got for water-supply schemes;

(*c*) whether the cost of these pipes forms about two-thirds the cost of water-supply schemes; and

(*d*) whether the local bodies have complained to the Government that centage charges are unnecessarily levied on such articles?

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A.—(*a*) Centage charges are levied at $15\frac{1}{2}$ per cent for water-supply and drainage schemes. The charge for other sanitary works is 15 per cent.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The average ratio of the cost of pipes to the total cost as worked out from three schemes is 59 per cent.

(*d*) Only the Coimbatore Municipal Council has complained that centage charges are unnecessarily levied on the cost of pipes.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know, Sir, whether the centage charges are not meant to cover the cost of preparation of schemes, supervision and direction of work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Yes. It is so."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" If so, may I know why centage charges should be levied on cast iron pipes which are got ready made ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I am glad the hon. Member has referred to this point as to why centage charges should be charged on cast iron pipes. It is a matter which is under our consideration and there is one view that it ought to be charged and there is also the other view that the centage charge should not be charged for the cost of such pipes. "

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" May I know, Sir, whether the cost of preparing plans and estimates is not paid by the municipalities themselves ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" If they are paid they are taken into account."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government in order to get this centage charges does not allow the local bodies to carry on their works even if they have experts under their employ ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is mistaken. We allow the local bodies to carry on these if they have competent experts under them."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know, Sir, what has happened to the complaint of the Coimbatore Municipality ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It has not been disposed of."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" May I know in how many cases applications were received from the local bodies that they should be permitted to carry on their sanitary works with the help of their own staff ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" During the last five or six months we have ordered two or three applications as desired."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" How many of them were rejected ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Applications of those who had not a competent staff."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" May I know whether the Engineering staff engaged by the district boards who are also provincialised are competent ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" But not municipal staff."

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Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—"In cases where the district boards have Engineers of the Provincial grade will the Government permit those boards to carry on their sanitary works ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I am not aware of any district board having applied to carry on its sanitary work with its own staff."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know Sir, whether in cases in which a municipality undertakes to carry these sanitary works with the assistance of competent men approved by the Sanitary Engineer will the Government allow them to do so ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I am unable to give a general answer. But in cases where a competent staff is available the policy of the Government is to allow them to carry on their works. But in cases where there are no competent men this cannot be done."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will the Government raise any objection owing to the levy of centage charges or can they carry on the work ? "

The hon Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Certainly they can carry on their work."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" How is it, Sir, then the Government are claiming centage charges from Coimbatore ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I wish to inform the hon. Member that the answer is in respect of centage charges in respect of cast-iron pipes only and not about carrying on the work."

Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, when the local bodies ask for permission to carry on these works that they complain of the inordinate delay on the part of the Public Works Department in carrying on these works ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Probably it may be so."

Agriculture

Appointment of a Systematic Botanist in the Agricultural Research Institute, Coimbatore.

* 1835 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what salary is proposed to be given to the officer proposed to be recruited or recruited from another Government to fill the post of Systematic Botanist in the Agricultural Research Institute, Coimbatore ;

(*b*) whether it is more than the salary which was mentioned in the advertisement calling for applications and what the necessity is for giving this officer more than what he would have got if he had started service under this Government ;

(*c*) whether the salary which an officer gets under another Government where scales and grades are different is taken into consideration when he is transferred to this Government at his own request ; and

(*d*) what is the salary drawn now by men in the Agricultural Department who started service with the same qualifications and about the same date ?